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Preliminary Amendment attached.

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In re

Patent Application of

Barry G. Anderson, et al.

Application No. 10/657,432

Confirmation No.: 9042

Filed: September 8, 2003

Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.

**"MEDICAL SUCTION APPARATUS AND
METHODS FOR DRAINING SAME"**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.


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INDEP. CLAIMS	7	MINUS	5	2	X \$86	172.00	
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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.